

FRENCH STEAMER TORPEDOED AND SUNK
WITHOUT WARNING; 19 LIVES ARE LOSTBRAVE GIRLS RESCUE FRIEND
AS FLAMES SWEEP FIERCELY
THROUGH FACTORY BUILDING

Drag Fainting Comrade
Through Smoke Filled Halls
as Flames Follow.

MANY BARELY ESCAPE.

Blaze Spread to Tenement and
Nearby Gas Tanks Were
Threatened.

Fire started in the third story of the Nicholas Althaus Cigar Box factory at Nos. 637-39-41 East Eighteenth Street at 5 o'clock this afternoon, imperiling the lives of forty-five girls and seventy men at work on the floors above.

The girls were in a panic as the smoke broke through into their floor and ran pell mell for the stairway. The men were ahead of them. One girl named Annie Zarnow, whose home is on Jefferson Street, Brooklyn, was overcome by smoke and fell fainting to the floor.

Nellie Matthews of the Southern Boulevard, the Bronx, and Minnie Mosher of No. 601 East Eighty-third Street, saw their companion fall and ran back to her aid. They dragged her through the halls, where the flames were making their way through the black smoke. They succeeded in getting the girl to the street. She was removed to a drug store.

When the fire apparatus reached the scene smoke and flames were rolling out of the upper windows of the building. The flames had communicated to a tenement at No. 635 East Eighteenth Street and to one on the other side of the factory. Beyond the tenement at No. 635 are two big gas tanks and the fear of an explosion caused the turning in of another alarm.

Fire Commissioner Adamson and Chief Kenlon came with the second alarm. Four firemen had gone up to the roof of the tenement at No. 635 and their companions were unable to reach them with ladders after the building caught.

At the rear the imprisoned firemen found a lead pipe, down which they shinned to a window on the top floor, through which they let themselves into the building and made their way to the ladders which had been sent up to that height.

JOHNSON-WILLARD FIGHT
TO START AT 1 O'CLOCK

Managers Agree That Men Shall
Be in Ring at 12:30 Havana
Time Next Monday.

HAVANA, April 1.—It was officially decided at a meeting of the various managers to-day to start the Jack Johnson-Jess Willard championship fight at 12:30 Havana time, Monday. This will be 1 P. M. New York time.

Following this announcement Jess Willard named Otto Floto of Denver as his time keeper.

Many sportsmen are now reaching here for the battle. Many of them are winter tourists from Florida resorts. They expect to see Willard and Johnson in their final workout to-morrow.

Bob Vernon of New York has been appointed official timekeeper of the club, with Ben Harris, also of New York, as alternate. Sam Leonard of Toronto is the timekeeper for Johnson.

ANARCHIST IS HELD
FOR DEATH THREAT
AGAINST POLIGNANO

Detective Arrests "Red" Who
He Says Bit His Knuckles
at Him.

Giuseppe Alta, an anarchist, was arrested at noon to-day in the corridor of the Criminal Courts Building for threatening the life of Policeman Amadeo Polignano, who, by joining an anarchist group, caused the arrest of Frank Abarno and Carmine Carbone. Polignano made the arrest in person, on orders issued by Judge Nott, who is presiding at the trial of Abarno and Carbone on the charge of placing a lighted bomb in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Yesterday anarchists hooted Polignano and spat at him as he was entering the court room. To-day, as he was passing a group outside the court room door, Alta, Polignano swears, raised his right hand to his lips and bit the knuckle of his first finger. This is the Italian death sign. It is equivalent to a threat of murder and is so recognized in Italian criminal circles.

Polignano immediately seized Alta. The anarchists arose and protested volubly, but made no effort to assist their comrade. Alta, protesting and cursing, was dragged down to the Centre Street Police Court by Polignano, Capt. Tunney and several detectives. There he was locked up in the prison pen to await arraignment on a charge of threatening the life of a police officer. Later he was held in \$500 bail to keep the peace for six months.

Alta began to cry when he found himself in a cell. Polignano says Alta was a member of the Bresci group of anarchists, under the name of Joseph Negro, and is a son-in-law of Joseph Rubino, the anarchist leader in Cuba.

Alta had been previously summoned as a witness for the defense. The defense of Abarno and Carbone

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POLICE IN MOTOR CHASE
THIEF FLEEING IN BUGGY

After a long chase through Flatbush streets in which two motor cars manned by policemen and a mounted patrolman had a hand, Peter Sorenson of No. 2211-2 Wyckoff Avenue, Ridgewood, was arrested to-day, charged with having robbed the home of Mrs. John Bough, No. 2313 Bedford Avenue.

Mrs. Bough came home and discovered a man in the house. He ran out and got into a buggy which with another man in it stood at the curb. Then the chase began. It lasted, with new recruits at various points, as far as Albany Avenue and Hawthorne Street. A pair of shoes was thrown from the buggy during the chase and a quantity of jewelry was found in a lot at Albany Avenue, where one of the buggy riders leaped out and escaped.

Sorenson denied the robbery, saying that the other man had suddenly leaped into his buggy and with a revolver made him drive off.

RAE TANZER SEES
INDICTMENT AHEAD
BUT ISN'T WORRIED

James W. Osborne Is Called
Before Grand Jury as a
Witness To-Day.

GIRL TALKS OF CASE.

Thinks She Has Performed a
Public Service—Is Going
Into the Movies.

James W. Osborne was subpoenaed to-day to appear as the first witness before the Federal Grand Jury in the proceeding against Rae Tanzer and others charged with conspiracy and using the mails in an attempt to defraud. It is not expected the investigation will be concluded in one session of the Grand Jury.

Lawyer Spielberg, who succeeded Shale & Shale as counsel for Miss Tanzer, is so certain that his client and others will be indicted that he notified United States District Attorney Marshall to-day of arrangements he has made to furnish bail. He also said that he would produce Miss Tanzer's sisters, Rosa and Dora, who identified James W. Osborne as Rae's tutor and not admit they were mistaken.

Rae Tanzer, Mr. Spielberg said, has decided to capitalize the notoriety that has accrued to her from her suit against Mr. Osborne. She has signed a contract, according to the lawyer, to appear in a series of moving pictures portraying her association with Oliver Osborne and subsequent events connected with her attempt to obtain \$50,000 from the former Assistant District Attorney.

RAE TANZER THINKS SHE
DESERVES CREDIT.

Miss Tanzer has not yet seen the clothing and other effects seized in the quarters of Oliver Osborne at No. 161 East Sixtieth Street. She said to-day that from the newspaper pictures and accounts of this property she is inclined to believe that it did not belong to the Oliver Osborne she knew.

However, she has made so many contradictory statements that this one is not taken seriously by Mr. Marshall and his assistants, Mr. Wood and Mr. Hershenstein, who are convinced that the Oliver Osborne of East Sixtieth Street and the Oliver Osborne who wooed Miss Tanzer are one and the same.

The \$50,000 breach of promise suit against James W. Osborne, which caused all the trouble, was discontinued in the Supreme Court to-day. Justice Bijur signed the order permit-

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M'ADOO HAS RELAPSE,
WASHINGTON HEARS

But Reports From His Home Do
Not Bear Out Statement
of Serious Condition.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—That Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, recently operated on for appendicitis, had suffered a serious relapse was reported to-day.

The official account was that he was improving. Doubtful points out, however, that Assistant Secretary Peters had taken over arrangements for the Pan-American financial gathering originally scheduled here for May 10, and that the meeting had been postponed until May 24. They thought this significant.

GIRL BURNED TO DEATH
IN FACTORY; MANY HURT

Newark Building Takes Fire and
Many Have Narrow
Escapes.

Mary Crellman of No. 19 South Tenth Street was burned to death, Frederick Stoutenbach was fatally injured by jumping from a fourth-story window and many others were burned and hurt in a fire this afternoon in the Kelley Paper Box Factory across the railroad tracks from the new million-dollar Pennsylvania Railroad station in the heart of Newark, N. J. The dead and injured were employees. It is feared other bodies will be found in the ruins.

An explosion in a room on the second floor in which rags were soaked in oil for paper preparation started the fire. Many of the thirty girls in the room were scattered by blazing oil.

Miss Crellman, with her clothing ablaze, started to climb on a window sill to jump to the street. She fainted and hung there until the firemen arrived. When taken down she was dead.

The building is a five-story structure covering almost the block front. Three alarms were turned in.

POTSDAM PASSES
BRITISH SUBMARINE
FIGHTERS AT SEA

Underwater Boats Proceed To-
ward Dutch Coast and
Helgoland.

As evidence that the British are preparing to undertake submarine raids on their own account, passengers on the Holland-America liner Potsdam, here to-day from Rotterdam, say that a few hours after leaving port they passed two submarines a quarter of a mile distant.

Both submarines ran up the Union Jack, saluted the Potsdam, which returned the salute, and continued toward the Dutch coast. The underwater craft were numbered 93 and 95 respectively, no alphabetical prefix being in evidence.

Frank F. Boulton, President of the Federal Forwarding Company of this city, described a narrow escape which the provision ship Vitale sustained on the way from Falmouth to Rotterdam.

Boulton had chartered the Vitale to carry provisions to the latter port, but she was captured by the British and held at Falmouth. He went over to adjust the difficulty, and after twenty-one days of negotiations, the Vitale was allowed to proceed under the guidance of two English and three Dutch pilots.

During the voyage through the fourteen-mile passage which was supposed to mark the safety zone the Vitale just grazed a mine. A British ship just ahead of the Vitale was seen to slow up suddenly during this trip, and when the Vitale drew closer it was seen that the ship ahead was surrounded by five mines, two of which were dead ahead and were connected by wire.

PASS CORONERS BILL.

ALBANY, April 1.—The Stoddard bill intended to abolish the office of coroner in New York City on Jan. 1, 1918, passed the Assembly to-day, 36 to 28. The bill would provide that after the terms of the present coroners expire their duties would be performed by a Chief Medical Examiner and assistants whose appointment by the Mayor would be authorized.

HORRORS SHATTER
NERVE OF BARONESS
NURSING SOLDIERS

Frau H. von Ettner Back From
Six Months of Harrowing
Work in Galicia.

WAS IN THE TRENCHES.

Screams of Wounded Begging
Protection From Surgeons
Still Ring in Ears.

Few women have lived through
six such nerve-racking months as
fell to the lot of the Baroness Hedy
von Ettner.

Inspired by devotion to her Emperor and nation the once gay Baroness, who for two years attended all the big dances in New York, went into the battlefields of Austria-Hungary as a Red Cross nurse. She returned to New York yesterday on board the steamship Duca d'Aosta of the Italian Line a saddened woman and a bundle of tingling nerves.

The Baroness, before quitting Vienna, had conferred upon her the highest Red Cross decoration that can be given in the dual monarchy. The Baroness was actually in the trenches. She saw men shot, she saw thousands die, she listened to the last murmured messages of the dying and wrote hundreds of farewell letters for the war's victims.

"Oh, I shall never, never forget the awful scenes!" exclaimed the Baroness. "How many women know how it feels to have a wounded soldier cling to you and scream for protection against the operating surgeons? Oh, that I could forget the awful scenes!"

"Day after day and night after night I sat beside the dying and held their hands and took their last messages to the dear ones back home. I had to leave before my reason left me. I shall remain in New York until the war is over."

The Baroness went early in August to Oawiccin, Galicia, where her brother-in-law was the commanding officer. She organized a Red Cross corps and was sent to the front. For four months she worked on the battlefields, and then when her nerves almost failed her she went to the Castle Gratz and established a base hospital. There she labored until a month ago, when she was advised to return to America.

"No one ever had such a farewell as I had," said the Baroness, "when I left Castle Gratz. All the wounded who could stand on the balconies and in the windows and sang and then went as I bade them farewell."

The Baroness said the Russian wounded were like children. At first they thought they would be tortured and put to death, but when they found they were treated with kindness they could hardly express themselves. At Christmas the Baroness distributed cheap watches among the wounded. "The battlefields were terrible," said the Baroness. "I have seen them where the dead lay two and three deep upon the ground and where burial had been impossible for weeks at a time."

The Baroness told about a wounded Austrian soldier who had concealed a little bundle under his mattress. When the nurses attempted to investigate the man finally let him keep his bundle. After he died the Baroness took the package from beneath the mattress. It contained a little doll which the dead soldier had purchased in a Polish village for his little girl at home. The Baroness saw that the gift was sent.

BARONESS WHO SAW
WAR'S TRAGEDIES AS
RED CROSS NURSE.PASTOR TESTIFIES
FOR GIRL ACCUSED
OF TAKING \$1,000

Children's Society Agent At-
tends Hearing of 15-Year-
Old Albertine Marlowe.

Agent Piraro of the Children's Society was an interested spectator at the trial in the Children's Court this afternoon of pretty, wise and demure Albertine Marlowe, who is accused by Mrs. Robert Nolker of St. Louis of stealing \$1,000 in bills. The theft is alleged to have occurred last Saturday while Mrs. Nolker and Albertine, her protegee, were in Scharf's hair-dressing establishment at No. 297 Seventh Avenue.

The object of Mr. Piraro in attending the trial was to determine whether or not he should move the court to turn the custody of Albertine over to her parents over to the Children's Society. There are aspects of the case relating to the child's familiarity with Broadway restaurants and cabaret performances which he does not like.

Albertine, calm and composed, directed her counsel John A. Turley, at intervals. Mrs. Nolker was not present when the trial opened to complete her examination, begun yesterday, and the defense put several character witnesses on the stand.

Among them was Rev. David J. Burrell, pastor of the Marble Collegiate Church. He testified that the girl is a member of his Sunday School class and has often seen her at church services. In his judgment Albertine is an honest, innocent child.

Another character witness was Elizabeth Morris of No. 316 West One Hundred and Sixth Street, an elderly and portly woman. She said she considered Albertine's parents perfectly lovely people, and Albertine the sweetest, gentlest and most lovable and absolutely honest child she had ever met.

"Where have you met this defendant and her family to have such intimate knowledge of them?" asked Isidor Kresel, counsel for Mrs. Nolker.

"At Stanley's restaurant," replied the witness.

SAILING TO-DAY.

Hellig Olave, Christiansand.	2 P. M.
Alliance, Colon.	3 P. M.
Prins Mauritz, Hayti.	3 P. M.

TORPEDOED STEAMER
WENT TO THE BOTTOM
WITHIN THREE MINUTES

Only Two of Crew of Twenty-one
Escaped, Because Missile Was
Fired the Moment the Submarine
Was Sighted.

BRITISH DESTROYER
PICKS UP SURVIVORS

LONDON, April 1.—The French steamer Emma, bound to Bordeaux, was torpedoed Wednesday in the British Channel, off Beachy Head, by a German submarine. Nineteen members of her crew were drowned, only two being saved.

The periscope of the submarine had hardly been sighted from the Emma when the torpedo from the undersea boat struck the French ship's engine. No warning of any kind was given. The ship foundered in three minutes from the time she was struck.

A British destroyer subsequently picked up two men who had been in the water for two hours and at the same time recovered two bodies. The Emma had a crew of twenty-one men. All the others lost their lives.

Two French steamers named the Emma are listed in shipping records. One is a 1,617 ton vessel from Havre; the other is a 252 ton steamer from Boulogne.

ENGLISH AVIATORS BOMBARD GERMAN SUBMARINES.
LONDON, April 1 (United Press).—English aviators have again bombed the German submarine yards at Hoboken, near Antwerp, the Admiralty announced this afternoon.

The English flying corps commander reported he had good reason to believe that considerable damage was done.

Russians Claim Big Gains
On the Warsaw BattlefrontHOLDUP MEN IN DASH
GET GEMS WORTH \$3,000

One Levels Pistol at Two Jewellers
in Store While Other Rifles
Safe—Escape in Auto.

PHILADELPHIA, April 1.—Two well dressed bandits to-day dashed up to the jewelry store of W. Berenstein & Co. in an automobile, and while one held up W. Berenstein and his brother Bernard the other rifled the safe of \$3,000 in gold and gems. Both escaped in the waiting auto.

DONOVAN GETS DEATH
NEWS IN THE ASSEMBLY

New York Member Notified of
Fiancee's Sudden Death—Was to
Have Wed After Easter.

ALBANY, April 1.—Summoned home when his fiancee dropped dead, Assemblyman Donovan of New York was excused from to-day's session of the Lower House. The Assemblyman was to be married shortly after Easter.

Two Lawyers Disbarred.
Two attorneys, Francis H. Griffin and William Ehrlich, were disbarred by the Appellate Division to-day. No opinions were rendered with the decisions. Ehrlich was accused of forgery. Griffin was accused of using the mails to defraud.

PETROGRAD, April 1.—Taking advantage of an apparent weakness in the German lines west of Warsaw, the Slavs have delivered a number of swift attacks against Gen. Mackensen's forces along a "fly-mile" front extending from the Vistula to Opoczno.

The first infantry charge was ordered Tuesday morning. Almost hourly fresh Russian battalions have hurled themselves upon the German trenches, and reports from Warsaw this afternoon indicated gains at several points.

Mackensen's forces have been greatly depleted, according to word brought to the Russian War Office. Regiments drawn away from his army to co-operate with von Hindenburg in the Mazurian Lakes fighting were not returned, but instead were hurried through Hungary to aid in the defense of the Carpathian passes.

Though the fighting south of the Vistula thus far has been of local character there are indications that a real offensive, designed to throw back the Germans from in front of Warsaw before the spring campaign opens, is about to be launched.

It is now officially admitted here that the Russian losses in the Carpathian battles have been extremely heavy in the last few days. The Austrians, however, are reported to have lost more than 20,000 in killed and wounded near the Lupkow and Usok Passes.

\$12 Men's Topcoats & Suits, \$5.95
TIE "HUB" Clothing Corner, Broadway, cor. Barclay Street, opp. Woolworth Building, will sell to-day and Friday 1,000 men's Spring Suits, Topcoats and fancy Halmacans with loose back effects, black, blue, tan, tawny checks, brown, grays & dark mixed worsteds, all sizes, \$4 to \$12; worth \$12 in any other store; our special price to-day & Friday, \$5.95.